

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1 1. A therapeutic bird perch, comprising:
 - 2 a shaft having two opposing ends, the shaft having a
 - 3 perching surface extending between the opposing ends and a
 - 4 plurality of longitudinal grooves defined in the perching
 - 5 surface; and
 - 6 an abrasive coating disposed about a portion of the
 - 7 perching surface;
 - 8 whereby the perch therapeutically simultaneously stimulates
 - 9 blood circulation and nerve endings in a bird's feet when the
 - 10 bird stands on the perch.
- 1 2. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein said
- 2 shaft is cylindrical.
- 1 3. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 grooves are arranged in a series of parallel rows.
- 1 4. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 abrasive coating encircles the perching surface.

1 5. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the
2 abrasive coating comprises a resin and sand.

1 6. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 5, wherein said
2 resin coats the perching surface and said sand coats the resin.

1 7. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein said
2 shaft is hollow.

1 8. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 7,
2 further comprising an end cap disposed over at least one end of
3 the shaft.

1 9. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,
2 further comprising a hangar bolt extending from at least one of
3 the opposing ends of said shaft for mounting the shaft to a
4 support.

1 10. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,
2 wherein said shaft is made from polyvinyl chloride tubing.

1 11. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,
2 wherein said abrasive coating is formed as a cylindrical shell
3 disposed around said shaft.

1 12. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,
2 wherein said abrasive coating is disposed about a center portion
3 of said shaft.

1 13. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,
2 wherein said abrasive coating is wound around said shaft in a
3 spiral.

1 14. The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,
2 wherein said abrasive coating comprises:

3 at least one base coat of a polyester casting resin; and
4 non-toxic, silica free sand laminated onto said base coat.

1 15. A therapeutic bird ladder, comprising:
2 a pair of parallel poles;
3 a plurality of the therapeutic bird perches according to
4 claim 1 forming rungs disposed between the parallel poles.

1 16. The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 15,
2 wherein at least two of said perches have a different diameter,
3 whereby the bird exercises muscles of the feet to grasp the
4 different diameter perches when climbing the ladder.

1 17. A therapeutic bird ladder, comprising:
2 a pair of parallel poles;
3 a plurality of rungs disposed between the parallel poles,
4 each of the rungs including:
5 a shaft having two opposing ends, the shaft having a
6 perching surface extending between the opposing ends and a
7 plurality of longitudinal grooves defined in the perching
8 surface; and
9 an abrasive coating disposed about a portion of the
10 perching surface.

1 18. The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 17,
2 wherein at least two of said rungs have a different diameter.

1 19. The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 17,
2 wherein said abrasive coating comprises:
3 at least one base coat of a polyester casting resin; and
4 non-toxic, silica free sand laminated onto said base coat.